

the business community, workforce development coming together with our manufacturing sector and, in particular, for emerging technologies.

After leaving the Bush administration, Emily became a leader in the manufacturing sector when she joined the Manufacturing Institute as their president. Under her innovative leadership, the institute researched and confirmed the changing workforce needs and, in response, implemented national strategy on education and workforce reform.

Emily founded E3, an aptly named consulting firm—educate, engage, employ—focused on helping others by linking education, workforce, and economic development, yet again harnessing her creativity and her special, keen ability to connect people and bring them together.

In addition to her incredible career, Emily was a loving mother and wife. She met the love of her life while working full-time at the Department of the Interior and taking classes at Georgetown Law School, tenaciously walking across the stage while 8 months pregnant with her incredible daughter, Lauren.

Emily spent her life coaching and mentoring others and impacted my life and work tremendously. She was, in fact, on everyone's speed dial.

Her work led her to Detroit, Michigan, where she collaborated and led the workforce development efforts for the Lightweight Innovations for Tomorrow Institute, a public-private partnership intent on harnessing new technologies for our automotive sector and other industries of scale. She was the workforce leader.

I had the privilege of speaking on numerous panels with her all over the country, with our friends at the NATC, ASME, in the defense sector, at NIMS, at NAM, and of course, yet again, the Manufacturing Institute.

The need for workforce talent is the conversation of today. I met Emily in the middle of the Great Recession, when unemployment was through the roof, yet there were open jobs in our manufacturing firms all across the country. It is not a simple formula.

What Emily sought to change and address in this country by training not only the next generation of workers but an existing workforce in the 21st century begat many new challenges: the advent of the digital age and the combination of computer technologies with our old-school manufacturing devices and pieces of equipment. She led the way.

While she left us suddenly, she also left a legacy of work. We thank her so much for her service and her inspiration and the mark that she made on this country.

#### RECOGNIZING UNITED STATES MARINE CORPORAL KELSEE LAINHART

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States Marine Corporal Kelsee Lainhart on her road to recovery from being wounded in Afghanistan.

Simply put, Corporal Lainhart is a hero. A native of Dearborn County, Indiana, Kelsee was assigned to secure the airport in Kabul.

Sadly, tragedy struck when she and her brothers and sisters in uniform were targeted by an ISIS-K suicide bomber.

We will never forget Corporal Lainhart's acts of bravery that day in Afghanistan or her courageous fellow servicemembers we lost.

#### REMEMBERING KAYE WHITEHEAD

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor a pillar of Indiana's Sixth Congressional District, a leader in our community, and a true friend of the Pence family.

Kaye Whitehead, who sadly passed away on September 9, 2021, served as president of the Delaware County Farm Bureau for two decades.

Kaye also served as chair of the Delaware County Republican Party and in various advisory capacities to Dan Quayle, Richard Lugar, David McIntosh, Mike Pence, and myself.

I am grateful to Kaye for her counsel, guidance, and friendship over the years. She will be dearly missed.

My thoughts are with her husband, Bill; her children, Eugene and Lucy; her siblings, Marie, Anne, and Chris; as well as her three grandchildren.

#### INFLATION IS TAXATION

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in objection to the Democrats' monster tax-and-spending spree that will be a detriment to Hoosiers back at home in Indiana.

I have heard from hundreds and hundreds of constituents, literally, who have worried that this next set of spending bills will hurt their families more than they will help.

From paying more for groceries and gas to being unable to find workers to keep the doors of their small businesses open, wasteful government spending is moving our country toward stagflation.

Plain and simple, inflation is taxation on my constituents, on all Americans, and I urge my colleagues to reject this round of reckless Federal spending.

#### REJECTING SOCIALIST DRUG PRICING SCHEME

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in rejecting H.R. 3 by a bipartisan vote.

Had it passed out of committee, this legislation would have resulted in fewer cures and treatments in America, eliminating hope for millions of people battling all diseases.

It is estimated that under this socialist drug pricing scheme, there could be as many as 100 fewer cures over the next decade.

That is why I urge my colleagues to reject any alternative version of this legislation that may come to the floor in the future.

#### CRISIS UNFOLDING AT SOUTHERN BORDER

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the crisis unfolding at the southern border.

This is not hyperbole. Look no further than the southern border completely overrun in chaos today. Over 1.2 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at the border since February 1 of this year.

Our communities are less safe because this administration stopped building the wall, brought back catch and release, and got rid of the remain in Mexico policy.

This border crisis will result in perpetuating our COVID crisis because this President turns a blind eye to the vaccine and testing status of illegal immigrants.

Denying the crisis proves President Biden does not care or is being misled by his advisers.

#### MOUNTING NATIONAL SECURITY CRISIS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the mounting national crisis we are seeing unfold under this President's leadership.

This week, the President desperately attempted to portray an image of strength at the United Nations, but nothing could be further from the truth.

We have seen the failure of the Afghanistan withdrawal that led to losing our men and women in uniform and has the potential to create yet another refugee crisis.

We have seen the failure to hold China accountable for its lack of transparency and mishandling of the COVID pandemic.

We have seen the failure to hold Russia accountable for its cyberattacks.

President Biden appears weak and failing, and the cost is our leadership and national security across the world.

#### SUPPORTING HEALTH EQUITY PROVISIONS IN BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Build Back Better Act, which includes significant investments in the fight for health equity.

As chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, I know all too well that, for centuries, Black Americans and people of color have been systematically denied affordable healthcare access and left behind when it comes to our healthcare policies. No more.

Healthcare access is an essential right, and we must do more to ensure

that all Americans, regardless of race, ethnicity, income, or ZIP Code, have access to quality, affordable healthcare.

I am proud that our draft of the Build Back Better Act takes a step toward that goal. We have included several key investments that are going to make a real difference in healthcare available to folks. These investments will prevent chronic illnesses like heart disease and diabetes, ensure earlier detection and treatment of certain cancers, and tackle the Black maternal health crisis.

There is so much good included in the Build Back Better Act, but today I want to highlight just three of the most urgent health equity issues this bill will address.

The first of those priorities is saving the lives of mothers. The Build Back Better Act provides for a mandatory extension of postpartum care for new mothers utilizing Medicaid. In the American Rescue Plan, we included an option for States to extend postpartum care for 12 months after delivery. While some States have taken up that option, it will expire in 5 years.

The Build Back Better Act goes a step further in making that expanded postpartum coverage mandatory and permanent. Research shows that one-third of all pregnancy-related maternal deaths occur between 1 week and 1 year of delivery, and Black women are at an increased risk of experiencing severe complications or death. No more.

New mothers should have access to postpartum care, regardless of which State they live in. Extending postpartum care under Medicaid will save lives and ensure that mothers are able to see their babies grow up.

Additionally, the Build Back Better Act includes a solution to permanently close the Medicaid coverage gap. There are still 12 States that have refused to expand Medicaid, and as many as 4 million people currently lack access to healthcare because of the coverage gap. No more.

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Ensuring that Medicaid is available to everyone who needs it will reduce emergency room visits, allow for an increased focus on preventive care and save us money in the long run. Closing the coverage gap will also help address the Black maternal health crisis.

Because of the Medicaid coverage gap, many women are not eligible for care until they become pregnant, and by the time they get approved, they have missed out on weeks or even months of prenatal and early pregnancy care during these critical early days of pregnancy.

Access to healthcare in the early days of pregnancy is crucial in detecting and treating pregnancy-related complications with both mother and baby. Closing the coverage gap will ensure that new mothers have access to care when they need it most.

With Build Back Better, we are tackling health equity issues from babies to

older adults. Once we pass the Build Back Better Act, we will begin including dental, vision, and hearing coverage for seniors through Medicare Part B.

Dental coverage will include cleaning and x-rays, extractions, oral disease management services, and dentures—all vital dental procedures and care that seniors both need and deserve. Many people may not realize it, but oral health has significant impacts on your overall health, and poor oral health has been linked to heart disease, kidney disease, and dementia.

Including dental coverage will help so many people, but it will be especially important for people of color. According to a Kaiser Family Foundation study, 71 percent of Black Medicare beneficiaries and 65 percent of Hispanic beneficiaries went without a dental visit in the past year, compared to 43 percent of White beneficiaries. No more.

Ultimately, these policies are not just about saving lives, but improving lives. We are investing in the health and safety of our constituents and their ability to live long, happy, and healthy lives with their families.

Our healthcare system has been pushed to its limits throughout the past 18 months, and we have been shown, under a bright light, the cracks in its foundation. But it is not beyond repair. Through meaningful investment, we can rebuild our healthcare system in a way that works for everyone and addresses centuries-long challenges to achieving health equity.

The Build Back Better Act presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for us to advance health equity. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### CHARLESTON AIR WING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, it has been 3 weeks since the U.S. withdrew troops from Afghanistan. Today, I rise to pay tribute to the heroes who paid the ultimate sacrifice in carrying out Operation Allies Refuge, and I would like to especially recognize the members of Joint Base Charleston Airlift Wing and their spouses who supported the overall mission.

I begin with a moment of silence for the 13 soldiers who selflessly gave their lives Hamid Karzai Airport on August 26.

I also am recognizing this morning the courageous effort of our service-members stationed in Charleston as they evacuated U.S. citizens, Special Immigrant Visa holders, and vulnerable populations from Afghanistan.

With one of the largest C-17 fleets in the country, the Lowcountry of South Carolina is proud of our soldiers at Joint Base Charleston that were tapped to support our airlift efforts. Reservists in the 315th Airlift Wing even

helped deliver a baby on board one of their flights.

Back at home, Joint Base Charleston spouses put together pallets of supplies, sending over 10,000 pounds of food, baby wipes, drinks, and clothing overseas.

The Taliban now have control over Afghanistan. It has led many to question what we have accomplished there over the last 20 years.

But there is no question of the unbelievable effort put forth by our airmen and airwomen, our veterans who served in Afghanistan, and those that loved and supported them and their families during the war.

Today, I think about the 124,000 people who now have freedom and the thousands of Americans and allies who have been safely returned home, and I am proud of the difference the Lowcountry has made in those efforts. God bless our troops, God bless the Lowcountry, and God bless America.

#### PARRIS ISLAND

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, as the House continues to consider the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act, I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the Parris Island Protection Act. This critical bill will preserve Parris Island Marine Corps Recruiting Depot for decades to come. Parris Island is responsible for training over a million brave marines, including every enlisted female marine that has ever served in our Marine Corps.

Not only is Parris Island critical to our national defense, but it is also an integral part of the Lowcountry community. It is responsible for the creation of over 6,000 jobs and generates almost \$800 million in economic activity every year.

Sadly, this Congress' version of NDAA is one of the first authorizations not to include any protections against base realignment and closures. I was disappointed to see that absent these usual protections, my amendment to protect Parris Island was not made in order this week as we went through amendments for the NDAA.

I look forward to working with the House Committee on Armed Services to ensure Parris Island remains open, functional, and continues to contribute to the best and brightest in our national defense.

#### CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, as National Clean Energy Week comes to a close, I rise today to bring attention to a spectacular environmental protection effort in my district and the efforts of the 32nd annual South Carolina beach and river sweep, which brought volunteers down to clean up Old Town Bluffton and the May River.

This was the single largest statewide volunteer cleanup of beaches, marshes, and waterways. We know how to take care of our environment in South Carolina's First Congressional District. In fact, across the State we have thousands of volunteers participating every single year. South Carolina's residents